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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA

1. YOU SHOULD SEE TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA AT
EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY AND TELL HIM THAT PREPARATIONS ARE
GOING FORWARD FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON NAMIBIA
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NEXT WEEK. WE WANT TO COORDINATE OUR EFFORTS CAREFULLY
WITH HIS IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT EARLY ACTION BY
SECURITY COUNCIL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAMIBIA PROPOSAL.
YOU SHOULD ASK MKAPA WHAT KIND OF ACTION HE FORESEES
THE OAU TAKING. WE ATTACH SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO PROMPT
SC ACTION.

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO TELL MKAPA THAT THE UNITED STATES IS HOPING TO PROVIDE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO LOGISTICAL OPERATIONS FOR THE FORTHCOMING UN FORCE IN NAMIBIA. INDICATIONS WE HAVE RECEIVED TO DATE ARE THAT A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY INDICATED AN INTEREST IN PROVIDING CONTINGENTS FOR THE UN FORCE.

3. WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING OF TRAVEL PLANS OF NUJOMA OR OTHER SWAPO REPRESENTATIVES WHO MAY INTEND TRAVELING TO NEW YORK, BUT WE BELIEVE THEY SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE THERE

BY THIS COMING WEEKEND SINCE SC MEETING MAY TAKE PLACE AS EARLY AS TUESDAY, JULY 25, WHEN WALDHEIM WILL HAVE RETURNED FROM HIS CURRENT TRIP. IN VIEW OF CONFUSION WHICH AROSE BEFORE LUANDA MEETING AS TO WHO SHOULD INVITE ATTENDEES, YOU SHOULD TELL MKAPA THAT WE WOULD PREFER TO LEAVE IT TO HIM TO MAKE CLEAR TO NUJOMA THE ADVISABILITY OF TIMELY ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK. (YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT IN LUANDA, MKAPA TOLD MCHENRY THAT HE WOULD GET NUJOMA ON A PLANE TO NEW YORK IN TIME FOR AN SC MEETING.)

4. WE ASSUME NEW YORK MISSIONS WILL KEEP FRONT-LINE GOVERNMENTS APPRISED OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON TIMING. WE WOULD OF COURSE BE INTERESTED TO KNOW MKAPA'S PLANS FOR MOVING FROM KHARTOUM TO NEW YORK.
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5. PLEASE EMPHASIZE TO MKAPA THAT WE VIEW THE MEETINGS WHICH WILL BE HELD IN NEW YORK NEXT WEEK AS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO AFRICA, NOT LEAST BECAUSE OF THE EFFECT WHICH A NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT WILL HAVE ON THE SITUATION IN ZIMBABWE.

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